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TAGS: PFOR PINS ID PO PT AS

SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR(PT): GOI STATEMENT

ON TALKS WITH GOP ENVOY

REF: JAKARTA 11183 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOI PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF
TALKS WITH GOP ENVOY SANTOS REASSERTS GOI INSISTENCE
THAT FIRST PRIORITY IN PT IS RESTORATION OF ORDER.
STATEMENT APPROVES-AS SECOND STEP-SANTOS PROPOSAL TO
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HOLD TALKS WITH COMPETING PT PARTIES, BUT STRONGLY

CRITICIZES SANTOS DELAYING TACTICS ON QUESTION
OF RESTORATION OF ORDER AND UNWILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL
TO INDONESIAN TIMOR TO VIEW REFUGEE PROBLEM AND MEET
WITH UDT AND APODETI LEADERS. SANTOS REPORTEDLY
SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR LISBON TODAY, WITH NO CLEAR
INDICATIONS OF PLANNED NEXT STEPS. GOI INCREASINGLY
FED UP WITH PORTUGUESE TACTICS, AND OPENLY HINTING
AT POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL ACTION AT LEAST IN
FORM OF SUPPORT FOR REPORTED APODETI-UDT PLAN CALLING
FOR MERGER OF PT WITH INDONESIA. END SUMMARY
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1. FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF TALKS BETWEEN GOP ENVOY
SANTOS AND GOI TEAM, INDONESIAN FONDEPT ISSUED STATE-
MENT AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 12 REASSERTING INDONESIAN
POSITION THAT FIRST PRIORITY IN PT MUST BE RESTORATION
OF ORDER. STATEMENT SUPPORTED SANTOS PROPOSAL TO
CONVENE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOP AND CONFLICTING PT
PARTIES, (APPARENTLY PREPOSED FOR SEPTEMBER 20, PRO-
BABLY IN MACAO), BUT STATED PRIOR RESTORATION OF ORDER
"MORE REALISTIC" AND THAT IF GOP INCAPABLE OF DOING SO
THEN THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY "THIRD PARTY", IE, TASK
FORCE INCLUDING INDONESIA AS PROPOSED BY GOI IN FIRST
DISCUSSIONS WITH SANTOS TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY.

2. GOI STATEMENT SAW NO PROSPECT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
SANTOS PROPOSALS IN ABSENCE OF SANTOS WILLINGNESS
TO MEET WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN PT. STATEMENT
ACCUSED SANTOS OF "WASTING TIME, THUS GIVING FRETRELIN
THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN ON THE BATTLEFIELD", BUT ADDED
THAT EVEN FRETRELIN VICTORY WOULD BE MEANINGLESS BE-
CAUSE OF SEEDS OF FURTHER INSTABILITY WHICH WILL REMAIN,
SITUATION WHICH IT SAID WOULD BE "INTOLERABLE" TO GOI.
STATEMENT NOTED GOI PLEASED TO HEAR GOA SUPPORTED THIS
LATTER VIEW.

3. STATEMENT CALLED SANTOS ATTITUDE "STRANGE" AND "UN-
ACCEPTABLE" TO GOI, NOTING SANTOS APPARENTLY MORE COM-
CERNED WITH FATE OF CAPTURED PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS THAN
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WITH SUFFERING OF PT PEOPLE AND SOLUTION OF CONFLICT.
STATEMENT SAID SANTOS HAD DECLINED INDONESIAN OFFER TO
SET UP MEETING WITH UDT REPRESENTATIVES UNLESS UDT
RELEASED APPROXIMATELY 20 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS SAID TO
BE UNDER UDT DETENTION, APPREARED UNINTERESTED IN PARA-
LELGOI OFFER ENABLE HIM TO OBSERVE CONDITIONS OF PT
REFUGEES IN INDONESIAN TIMOR, AND HAD NEVER MADE ANY
EFFORT OR INDICATED ANY INTEREST IN MEETING WITH

(PRO-INDONESIAN) APODETI PARTY LEADERS.

4. ACTING FONMIN MOCHTAR TOLD PRESS GOI DID NOT CONSIDER SANTOS EFFORTS TO DATE AS SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE PROBLEM, SINCE SANTOS HAD NOT REALLY TRIED TO MEET ALL THREE PARTIES. MOCHTAR SAID NO FURTHER OFFICIAL MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD WITH SANTOS, AND THAT ONLY REMAINING QUESTION WAS WHETHER SANTOS WOULD BE WILLING MEET WITH UDT AND APODETI LEADERS AND/OR TOUR REFUGEE CAMPS. MEANTIME, SAID MOCHTAR, GOI WAS STUDYING LEGAL ASPECTS OF POSSIBLE UNION BETWEEN PT AND INDONESIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPORTS OF GROWING DEMAND FOR UNION FROM PT PEOPLE.

5. SANTOS RECEPTION BY GOI REPORTEDLY "COOL" THROUGHOUT JAKARTA STAY. NO SPECIAL ESCORT FACILITIES OR OTHER COURTESIES PROVIDED, AND MOCHTAR DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS (GOI TEAM LED BY FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTORATE SECRETARIAT HEAD MRS WIRJOSAPOETRO LAURANS). MOCHTAR RECEIVED SANTOS ONLY ONCE, FOR BRIEF CALL FOLLOWING FIRST ROUND OF FORMAL DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 11.

6. UNCLEAR HOW LONG SANTOS WILL REMAIN IN JAKARTA. SANTOS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING HE MUST LEAVE FOR LISBON SEPTEMBER 13. MEANTIME MOCHTAR DEPARTS SEPTEMBER 13 TO LEAD GOI DELEGATION TO EXTRADITION TALKS IN MANILA (FONMIN MALIK RETURNS SAME DAY FOR BRIEF STOP-OVER ENROUTE FROM UN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS). END UNCLASSIFIED
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7..COMMENT: GOI CLEARLY FURIOUS WITH WHAT IT SEES
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AS SANTOS DELAYING TACTICS AND UNWILLINGNESS FACE DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON PT SITUATION. NEXT STEPS COMPLETELY UNCERTAIN, WITH NO INDICATIONS THAT FRETELIN WILLING PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND NO INDICATIONS SANTOS PLANNING DIRECT CONTACTS WITH OTHER PARTIES. MOCHTAR STATEMENT RE GOI EXAMINATION OF MERGER ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTS INFO-NESIANS COMING CLOSER TO OPEN SUPPORT FOR APODETI/UDT "COUNTEROFFENSIVE" IN PT AIMED AT ULTIMATE UNIFICATION.
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